

ANALYSIS OF PROPOSITION E

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Voter approval of Proposition E would add Section 905 to the Long Beach City Charter, relating to the use of City public park and recreation areas.

Presently, the Long Beach City Charter contains no limitations on the ability of the City to sell or otherwise transfer property presently designated for public parks or recreation. The proposed amendment would require that the City follow certain procedures before it may sell or transfer any property presently designated for public parks or recreation. Prior to such sale or transfer, the City must place the issue before the voters at an election and receive majority approval, unless the City Council makes all of the following findings: that the property will be replaced on a ratio of at least two to one; that the replacement property will have comparable amenities; that the replacement property will be located in the same park service area as the transferred property; and that the replacement property will be located in a park service area needing parkland as determined by the Parks and Recreation Commission.